

MEMORIAL

OF

JEREMIAH ELKINS,

OF WASHINGTON CITY.

FEBRUARY 9, 1824.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

WASHINGTON:

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RECEIPT

I have received of Mr. J. H. Smith the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of the land described in the foregoing receipt.

This receipt is given in full for the purchase of the land described in the foregoing receipt, and no other receipt is required.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of January, 1871.

J. H. Smith

John H. Smith

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled;

The memorial of Jeremiah Elkins, of the city of Washington, and
District of Columbia,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That, from the very great embarrassment and difficulty experienced by Members of Congress, and others, who frequently have occasion to refer to the public documents of the nation, in finding any particular paper, without much labor, your memorialist proposes to make a complete Index of the same. With this, he will connect a Documentary History of the United States, comprising the following important State Papers:

Stamp Act Congress.

1. Declaration of the Rights and Grievances of the Colonists in America, by the Stamp Act Congress, held at New-York, Oct. 7, 1765.
2. Petition to the King, Oct. 22, 1765.
3. Memorial to the Lords in Parliament, Oct. 22, 1765.
4. Petition to the House of Commons, Oct. 23, 1765.

Extract from the proceedings of the Continental Congress, held at Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1774.

1. Declaration and Resolves, passed Oct. 14, 1774.
2. Non-importation, Non-consumption, and Non-exportation Agreement or Association, Oct. 20, 1774.
3. Address to the People of Great Britain, Oct. 21, 1774.
4. Address to the Inhabitants of the Colonies, do.
5. Address to the Inhabitants of Quebec, do.
6. Petition to the King. do.

Extract from the Journals of the Continental Congress, held at Philadelphia, May 10, 1775.

1. Letter from the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts Bay to Congress.
2. Letter from the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts Bay to the Inhabitants of Great Britain.

3. Resolutions of Congress, passed May 26, 1775.
4. Address to the Inhabitants of Canada.
5. Declaration of Congress on taking up arms.
6. Petition to the King.
7. Address to the Inhabitants of Great Britain.
8. Address to the Assembly of Jamaica.
9. Address to the People of Ireland.
10. Resolution of the House of Commons of Great Britain, and the opinion of Congress thereupon.

Extract from the Journals of Congress, held at Philadelphia, September 5, 1775.

1. Report of the Committee on the Proclamation of the King.
2. Declaration of Independence.
3. Address of Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States.
4. Manifesto by the Congress of the United States.
5. Address to the Inhabitants of the United States on the present situation of affairs.
6. Ratification of the Articles of Confederation.
7. Proclamation declaring the cessation of arms.
8. Address to the States, by Congress.
9. Mr. Charles Pinckney's Draft of the Federal Government.
10. Col. Alexander Hamilton's Plan of Government.
11. The Constitution of the United States, with all the ratified Amendments as at present existing.

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As this work will be more particularly useful to your honorable body than to any other class of individuals, your memorialist is obliged to look for encouragement, in the prosecution of his labors, to those who will derive the chief and immediate benefit from his undertaking. He, therefore, prays your honorable body to take, for the use of the library of Congress, and for such other purposes as they may think proper, 1,000 copies of said work, or such number as they may deem expedient. And, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

JEREMIAH ELKINS.

Washington, 9th Feb. 1824.